

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

August 4, 2009

On February 17, 2009, the United States Congress enacted the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009, which created the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). The HPRP was authorized under Title XII of ARRA to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless, and/or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

Under the federal HPRP, the County of Los Angeles (County) received an allocation of \$12,197,108 to work with existing County programs that currently target eligible HPRP program participants and which coordinate with other ARRA funds.

In July 2009, the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development (State) announced the availability of an additional \$42,688,202 to local eligible grantees for the State HPRP. California counties, including Los Angeles County, are required to submit their applications to the State by August 6, 2009. The County is applying as a single agency, and is requesting the maximum grant amount of \$500,000. The County's proposed application budget will request the maximum allowed for each category: homelessness prevention activities (\$280,000, or 56% of the requested amount); rapid re-housing services (\$160,000, or 32%); data collection and evaluation (\$55,000, or 11%); and grant administration (\$5,000, or 1%).

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As part of the application, the County is required to submit a certified resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors authorizing the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (Commission) to apply for the State HPRP funding on behalf of the County. The resolution also authorizes the Commission to serve as the agent of the County for administration of the allocated State HPRP funds.

I, THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES:

1. Find that the approval of a resolution enabling the Commission to apply to the State HPRP is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Commission to act as the agent of the County in all matters pertaining to the application for State HPRP funds.

I, FURTHER, RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ACTING AS THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:

1. Find that this authorization to receive and administer State HPRP funds is not subject to CEQA because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.
2. Authorize the Commission to accept, administer, and incorporate up to \$500,000 in State HPRP funds into the Commission's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 approved budget.
3. Authorize the Commission to accept any additional State HPRP funding that may become available, at a later date, to be included in future years' annual budget process.
4. Authorize the Executive Director of the Commission to enter into, and sign, the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments thereto, with the State of California for the purposes of this grant of State HPRP funds.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
ANGELES TO ACT AS THE AGENT OF THE COUNTY OF THE LOS ANGELES WHEN APPLYING
TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION & RAPID RE-HOUSING
PROGRAM FUNDS**

WHEREAS, On February 17, 2009, the U.S. Congress enacted the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) of 2009, which authorized the Homelessness Prevention & Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2009, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved an Amendment to the 2008-2009 Action Plan (Action Plan) for the Los Angeles Urban County to enable the County of Los Angeles (County) to receive and administer HPRP funds.

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2009, the County Board of Supervisors designated the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (Commission) to serve as the agent of the County to administer \$12,197,108 in federal HPRP funds.

WHEREAS, on July 2009, the State of California's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of additional HPRP funds for local eligible grantees. Eligible California counties, including Los Angeles County, interested in additional HPRP funding, are required to submit their applications to the State of California's Department of HCD by August 6, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Commission to act as the agent of the County in matters pertaining to the application, receipt and administration of HPRP funds from the State of California's Department of HCD.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors directs the Commission to submit an application to the State of California's Department of HCD for up to \$500,000 for the following activities:

- 1) Financial Assistance (for example, short- and medium-term rental assistance, vouchers, and utility payments); and
- 2) Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services (for example, case management, outreach, housing search and placement, and legal services).

If any additional HPRP funding becomes available at a later date, the Commission is authorized to apply for, and/or accept, any additional HPRP funding to be used in accordance with funding requirements established by the State of California's Department of HCD.

Section 3. The Board of Supervisors hereby approves the County's Plan Governing Reuse of HPRP Program Income (Program Income). Any Program Income received during the implementation of HPRP will be spent on HPRP Program activities.

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Section 4. The Board of Supervisors has determined that federal Citizen Participation requirements were met during the development of this application.

Section 5. The Executive Director of the Commission is hereby authorized as the official responsible in all matters pertaining to this application.

Section 6. If the application is approved, the Executive Director of the Commission, or his designee, is authorized to enter into and sign the grant agreement and any subsequent amendments, thereto, with the State of California's Department of HCD for the purposes of this grant.

Section 7. If the application is approved, the Executive Director of the Commission is authorized to sign Funds Requests and other required reporting forms.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles on this 4th day of August, 2009.

ATTEST:

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer-Clerk of
the Board of Supervisors

By: Lachelle Smitherman
Deputy

By: Don Krabe
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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